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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: MASAHIRO IMOTO ET AL.

Serial No.: TO BE ASSIGNED Group Art Unit:

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Title: HETEROCYCLIC COMPOUNDS HAVING EFFECT OF ACTIVATING  
NICOTINIC ACETYLCHOLINE ALFA4 BETA2 RECEPTOR

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to  
examination, please amend the above-identified application as  
follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 8 as follows: ✓

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--8. (Amended) A method of activating  $\alpha 4\beta 2$  nicotinic  
acetylcholine receptors comprising administering an  $\alpha 4\beta 2$   
nicotinic acetylcholine activating effective amount of a compound  
as claimed in claim 1 or pharmaceutically acceptable salts  
thereof.--

Please amend the second Claim 8 appearing on page 58 as  
follows: ✓

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17. (Amended) A method of activating  $\alpha 4\beta 2$  nicotinic  
acetylcholine receptors comprising administering an  $\alpha 4\beta 2$

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